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Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst***

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St. Peter's & St. Luke's Church

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Vicar

Thanks for the privilege of being your Vicar for the 2018 year. You might remember that the theme for the year was; “the excitement is building,” and it certainly is. As we speak we have HIGGS construction working on the restoration of our beloved St Peter, and the finishing touches are being made to the new St Peter's Anglican Preschool. I am especially grateful to Vestry who had the vision to build a preschool which is both an investment in terms of money, but also more importantly in our young families. Also I am grateful to the enormous amount of work of the fundraising committee chaired by the Rev'd David Winfield. Who would have thought after just a few years of fundraising our goal is in sight? With a final push we can do this!

I'm also so very grateful to the team who do so much around this place to make us a lively presence in the community. My thanks to the Rev'd John McLister who brings so much to being the Priest Assistant both here and as Vicar of Lyttelton. To the Rev'd Kofe Havea, our new deacon assistant. We are blessed to have her, almost totally paid for by the Diocese. To the Wardens; my Warden Dr. Corin Murfitt, he is the best warden I have ever had, and I've had a few! He brings huge dedication and much ability. To Jo Winfield, as people's warden. Jo works like a Trojan in so many different ways. Thank you Jo.

My thanks too, to Pamela O'Brien who has worked with dedicated service over 26 years, as the Parish Administrator, and who recently handed in her resignation. I know we will miss her in this ministry and we wish her a wonderful retirement. Shyuan has been employed as the Parish Administrator and we wish her joy in her new position. To Haydn Hill our able Music Director, thank you for all the excellent music of the choir in particular, they really lift our worship.

To Ethan Wilson-Bruce our youth leader, orchestra leader, and verger. Many times I have relied on Ethan throughout the year, and

he never lets me down. The orchestra is outstanding, as is his work with young people.

To Jason Olley who works in the grounds, he takes a real pride in his work. Kathy Doughty works as a volunteer to put together awesome worship, I am so grateful to her. Among the varied and innovative worship offered in 2018, a highlight was the confirmation service.

There are too many to thank, so if I miss you it doesn't mean I don't love you! But one more change is that Leigh Craythorne stood down after 17 years as rest home coordinator and has handed the baton to Sue Robb who now coordinates our ministry to 7 rest homes. Another volunteer. Thanks Sue.

Thanks also to the Vestry which carries the vision of the Parish. It was good to have a recent quiet afternoon to set the theme for the coming year. The theme; “passing the baton,” is very much in line with what our new Bishop is tasking himself with. My limited experience of relay racing is that it's good to run hard and fast, but we need to hand over to the next runner. For many of us in our different ministries, we need to ask the question, “who am I going to hand over to?” If the answer is, there isn't anyone, we need to ask God in prayer to help us identify that person. This is a challenge that Vestry wants to work with us all on in the coming year.

I'm also grateful for your understanding when I need to do my Archdeacon duties. I can't think of a time when this ministry has been to the detriment of the Parish, but it sure helps to know you are supporting me as I support the 7 Parishes in this area. I have dropped a committee; the Sister Eveleen Retreat House committee, to try and lighten my workload, and I'm pleased to say this retreat house is up and running (so they don't need me anyway!)

I'm very excited about the coming year. It will be a challenge to accommodate more people

on site, as the Preschool grows and it will be such a joy to be able to worship in an even better St Peter.

I remain yours in Christ's service.

Nick



Assistant Priest's Report

FAMILY SERVICE

The family service continues to draw good numbers with an average of about 60 people attending most months.

The aim of this service is to introduce our children, and young people to Anglican liturgical worship; and for them to take an active role in the service - playing the music, leading the worship, praying and reading.

It is a delight to see their enjoyment in doing this. We also have a couple of songs for the little kids to sing.

Overall, this is an enjoyable time where families can connect with each other and our Anglican heritage.

THE FAMILY ORCHESTRA

The Youth orchestra was renamed the St Peter's Family Orchestra to reflect the make-up of the group - youth and the not so youth. This group has become quite accomplished at playing not only modern church tunes but also those that draw on our Anglican past.

Through the year, they have performed at my induction in Lyttelton and played for the Lyttelton Carol service, with one person remarking "That was the best carol service I have ever been to."

Wonderful to see how this group has developed.

New Songs

Each month we have been introducing a new song to our worship. This was a result of the request of a number, both young and older, wanting to sing something new.

The songs selected are ones that we also sing at the Family service; and are drawn from those composers who write music to fit Anglican and liturgical worship.

HEALING SERVICE

This is a service held quarterly and allows us to sit quietly and reflectively; allowing God to minister to us with his healing love.

GENERAL PRIESTLY DUTIES

I continue to enjoy carrying out my priestly duties of preaching, celebrating at the Eucharist, taking weddings and funerals.

Overall, another happy and rewarding year at St Peter's and St Luke's.

John McLister



Warden's Report

Who said Anglicans never, or cannot, change? This last Parish year we have seen several changes. To our worship, staff, and buildings.

CLERGY & SERVICES

Our vicar Ven. Nick Mountfort is now well settled into our Parish and together with the Ministry Team has made some small changes to our worship. The singing of a Psalm between the Readings and new hymns are examples of these changes. We usually have the new hymn for about one month to learn it. There is no fear that the traditional Anglican service that our parish is known for will change.

Beginning December 2018 Revd John McLister was appointed to a 20% position as Vicar of Lyttelton. John is employed by our Parish for the remaining 80% but contributes more than that to our Parish life. The family service is still his baby but has weaned into a very popular service that is well attended. You are encouraged to attend one of these services that are held on the fourth Sunday of each month.

The Family Orchestra (once called Youth Orchestra) is still John and Ethan's responsibility. This orchestra is well recognized within the Diocese and plays at special services in Lyttelton. It is important for this orchestra to know that it is appreciated by the Parish and it would be great to see it have a role in more of our regular services at St Peter's, or even St Luke's. This orchestra plays at all the Family Services and is well received.

Revd Kofe Havea joined our Parish at the beginning of 2019 after being the first Tongan to be ordained in our diaconate on 1st December 2018. Kofe came to us from St John's College. However, she had worshipped at St Barnabas with her husband, Leni, for some time and had had several lay roles there. Pastoral care is a passion for her. Kofe is a 50% appointment and because of the contribution from the Curates' Fund this position is not costing us.

We thank the clergy for their devotion to spreading the gospel and their pastoral care. Without their supportive spouses this could not happen so thanks are extended to Rosemary, Yaeko and Leni.

LAY STAFF

Several folks serve the Parish and God in so many ways. So many that we can forget to mention or thank some.

Ethan is almost 'the Jack of all trades' in our family – musician, youth ministry, Verger, IT

assistant and 'Master of them ALL.' Ethan and two of his colleagues are now residing at 27 Yaldhurst Rd –a Christian flat!

Yaeko keeps our entire Hall complex clean and does this in a very diligent way. Jason is our part-time ground person and succeeds in keeping them tidy. The lawns are mown by a contractor and although this is the better option they are not kept as manicured as when we used our own mower. There is a large amount of grass to mow and in spring and autumn it can be difficult to keep the grounds as we would wish. Denny's Guild is Jason's guiding light.

Kathy Doughty has, as we now expect from her, been remarkable in her arrangement of services with Haydn and the clergy. One wonders how long Kathy can continue to provide this quite unique ministry that is time consuming.

Haydn thankfully after 25 years still serves as our Musical Director and tutors the choir that is *without doubt* the best choir in the Diocese. The effort choir members and musicians devote to our Parish is exemplary. There is a school of thought that we do need to change our music style a little without throwing the 'quaver out with the semibreve.' I know Haydn awaits the return of the Rieger!

Adeline is now the Editor of Gateway and is doing an outstanding job. Thanks for this important communicative tool that you have developed in a new way.

Marilyn Dempster is a stalwart of the Parish and has served in many ways. As age creeps up Marilyn has reduced the services that she offered but is still always there when needed.

Leigh Craythorne during the year resigned as facilitator for the Rest Home services. What a sterling job she has done. Sue Robb now has this vital position as her responsibility.

To those who sing in the choir, play a musical instrument, serve in the kitchen, make Palm crosses, help in Garage and Plant sales, are members of the A Team, including Brian Anthony our 'fix-it' man we offer a huge thanks.

Without these people we couldn't survive as a Parish. We need the Garage & Plant sales for financial assistance so thanks to the organizers of these; Denny, Gwen, Bobbity, Jill and Jan.

Bruce Williams is sort of resigning as Parish Treasurer. He will stand for Vestry this meeting but the accounts will now be the responsibility of the Diocese through the Parish Accounting Scheme. We pay for this but now Bruce has retired from accounting practice it is unfair to ask him to do all the work he has done for decades. Bruce, you need a medal!

Pamela O'Brien has served this Parish for 26 years and a few weeks prior to this AGM resigned from her position as Parish Administrator. Pamela has given truly faithful service during this time and the place will not be the same without her!

With the preschool opening in the second term of 2019 it was decided by the Vicar and Wardens that we should trial for 6 months a joint position of Administrator for the Parish and Preschool.

This will save the Parish some money particularly in terms of reduced hours and sharing of office equipment. More importantly it will give added 'ownership' and association of the preschool with this Parish.

Pamela worked 30 hours per week but this will reduce to 22.5 hours with Preschool employing the Administrator another 22.5 hours. The Administrator will be responsible to Manukau Community Christian Trust and the Vicar and Wardens of this Parish.

However, the Administrator will be paid by MCC Trust and we will be billed for 50% of the salary and a share of the use of equipment. The Administrator will be based at the preschool.

We believe this is worth a trial and will evaluate the feasibility of it in 6 months and act accordingly.

VESTRY

To those who served on Vestry but are not seeking re-election thank you. Vestry is a commitment and it would be appreciated that if you know in advance that you are unable to attend a significant number of meetings or the Vestry Quiet Day that you reconsider whether you wish to stand.

Denise Gullery is our Vestry Secretary and hosts the meetings at her home. Her position is as recorder of the Minutes and has no voting rights but can speak on invitation. We really appreciate her dedication to this, often, unenviable task.

Vestry is the powerhouse of the Parish and if you feel your talents might be of some use please put your name forward. We always need someone to pass the baton to.

EXCITING TIMES

How exciting is it that 2019 will see the opening of the St Peter's Anglican Pre-school and our beloved church will hopefully re-open in August 2020? We still need to raise more funds for this rebuild but once the community sees some action we hope they will generously give. Fundraising, regrettably, for the church has been in competition with our giving to Parish funds.

We acknowledge ALL who give in many ways and for being part of our Parish family. THANK YOU.

Thank Be To God
CORIN MURFITT (Vicar's Warden)
JO WINFIELD (Parishioners' Warden)



St Luke's Church

Annual Meetings are times when we recall and celebrate what has happened in the life of our church St Luke's Yaldhurst during the past year.

Although the committee has not met as often during the year due to all our busy lives we continue to discuss the life of our church when necessary following our Sunday services and we are in contact with one another to organise working bees and special services.

Worship

Attendance this year has been a little up compared to last year. We were pleased to welcome Tas and Carol Carryer to our congregation.

On Sunday 11 March a Rotary Night Prayer service was held. Rotary will again hold its evening service at St Luke's on Sunday 31st March 2019 at 5pm.

A Palm Sunday evening service "Stations of the Cross" was held. Thank you John for putting together this service for the Parish. There has been one baptism, and one funeral held during the year.

During the year Rev John has put together another three Liturgy booklets which we have been using for worship.

1. Lessons and Carol service
2. The Eucharist – Sunday's of Epiphany
3. The Eucharist – Sundays during Lent

St Luke's Patronal Festival and 125th

Anniversary

St Luke's Patronal Festival and 125th Anniversary service was held on Sunday 21 October and this was a very special occasion to have so many people attending.

We received messages from past clergy - Stephanie Robson, Shirley Hawke, Philip and Adrienne Robinson, Gerard Jacobs, Carole Graham, Helen Roud and David and Anne Boyd who were unable to attend the celebrations. Apologies were also received from past parishioners.

It was wonderful to have Rev Chris Parry-Jennings and Helen Parry-Jennings, Rev Marcia Hardy and John Hardy travelled from Dunedin and Arthur and Julia Northcote travelled from Nelson to be with us.

I wish to record thanks to Haydn and the St Peter's choir for the music during the service, Ven Nick and Kathy Doughty who prepared the service.

Following the service, we enjoyed a special morning tea and the cutting of the anniversary cake. After this 32 parishioners and friends continued the celebrations over lunch at Sue's home.

Prior to the weekend a working bee had been held and the lawns were mowed a few days before the service so the grounds were looking just great and the weather was great too.

The Christmas service for the children on Christmas Eve again proved to be a popular service with a great attendance. Christmas Day Eucharist was held at 9.30am and Rev Alexia Evendon took this service.

It was also lovely to welcome Rev Kofe to her first service at St Luke's on Sunday 17th February 2019.

Maintenance:

Activities this year have been predominantly routine work on the grounds. Gardens, shrubs and trees have been kept in order by parishioners. Lawn mowing continues to be done by contractors.

This coming year will see investigation work to be carried out on the roof. At this stage we don't know how major this will be. There are signs of rot showing up on some of the sarking under the iron roof and inside the church. This also could be where the ants are coming from. We need an expert to report to us on this, and what is involved in fixing it. This problem is adding extra cleaning of the church. Thank you to Dennys Guild and the 'A Team' who are always so willing to attend to these sorts of issues.

We are extremely grateful for the support of the Parish Clergy for their ministry during the year.

To our committee members, organists, and ALL Parishioners for their valued help and commitment to the life of St Luke's Church Yaldhurst – thank you.

Sue Chappell



St Peter's AAW

2018 got off to a very busy start. The evening fellowship decided to join with us permanently which doubled our numbers and we were lucky enough to co-opt 3 of their members Margaret Mahan, Gayle Groves and Janice Newnham onto our small committee.

Following years of tradition our vicar was our guest and our commissioning service was held on AAW Sunday. Later in the month we attended the Diocese AGM where our new AAW Chaplain Ven Nickey Lee was appointed.

In March Dr Sue Bagshaw was our guest and brought us up-to-date with her youth Health project and we took part in W.D.O.P this year at the Methodist Church.

In April Libby Robins from Family Health Trust was our guest, the Autumn Festival was held at St Mary's Halswell and we collected 3 supermarket bags of goods which we delivered to St Barnabas for them to make up emergency packs for the hospital.

Isla Rackman from Kilmarnock Enterprises was our guest in May. Most of us had no idea about the volume of work they are involved in.

In June we celebrated 160 years of St Peter's with a party. We had fine china courtesy of coffee and chat and a birthday cake. We made it a double occasion and honoured Olga Holloway our longest member with flowers and looked back at her long involvement with the church and AAW.

Unfortunately, she couldn't be at the meeting so Dorothy Pennington our next longest member cut the cake and afterwards we visited Olga with flowers, cake and some food.

July was our usual "soup and rolls" lunch and David Winfield was our guest and accepted our cheque for \$500 for a block and brought us up to date with the restoration fundraising. We had a small remits discussion meeting at Audrey Potter's home and in August Jennifer McKinnon explained the Fellowship of the Least Coin to us.

In September Marie Gallagher from Citizens Advice Bureau came and quizzed us on the consumer issues that they deal with. The answers were ABC style. For most of us our pass rate wasn't very good. It was also Festival Communion month with a very small attendance of 5 members.

We had 'Stir up Wednesday' in October and our cake was hopefully well cooked in my new oven. The proof will be when we cut it in December.

Colleen Beswick was our only member who died during the year but a few others are very frail.

We owe special thanks to Margaret Kent, Ethan Wilson-Bruce has been a great help when we have needed somebody to operate the electrical system, for us. I have a great secretary - treasurer whose efficiency makes me look good and a great committee keeps things running smoothly so we can look forward to 2019.

Barbara Fleming



Card Makers

Another very successful year has passed. Our group of friends and parishioners has grown and we have produced many lovely cards. We enjoy sharing ideas for making cards for many different occasions.

We have enjoyed using the Cuttlebug and the Big Shot. There are so many designs to try and we can achieve many different effects on our cards. Our card making sessions have been held in the Bowden Hall on Saturdays from 10am to 4pm.

Our group had small beginnings in 1998 and we are now into our 21st year. We would welcome any new members who would like to join us and any visitors to see our group in action. We would also be happy to make cards for any special occasions.

Irene Coman



Choir & Music

2018 has been a busy year again for the choir. Membership has remained constant and the choir is a very loyal and dedicated group leading our worship on most Sundays of the

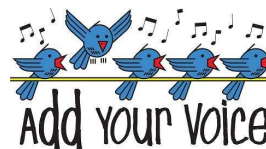
year. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

As we did last year, again we have needed to be adaptable to new forms of the service and also learn new songs for leading congregational worship.

Below are listed some of the special services and extra "sing-outs" we participated in during 2018:

Friday 11 MAY	Rev Simon Ballantyne's Funeral
Sunday 1 JUL	Confirmation Service
Sunday 2 SEP	Spring Service
Sunday 21 OCT	St Luke's Patronal Service
Sunday 16 DEC	Parkstone Rest Home
Monday 17 DEC	Ilam Lifecare
Tuesday 18 DEC	Homestead Rest Home

Unfortunately, because of accommodation difficulties, we were not able to participate in the Kaikoura trip.



Many thanks to Kathy Doughty for all the work she does in our worship planning and co-ordination between clergy and the choir. You do a fantastic task.

Many thanks to the other organists in the parish – Audrey Armstrong, Margaret Kent, William Grubb and Margaret Mahan. Your contribution to our worship is invaluable.

Margaret Kent is a "real gem" organising and filing the choir music and also acting as our welfare person.

Thanks also to my wife Adeline for supporting and encouraging me.

Haydn Hill
Director of Music



Coffee & Chat

Coffee and Chat continues as usual each Thursday 10am – 12 noon with possibly 8-10 regulars and an equal number of casual callers. The enthusiastic early birds arrive prior to our opening time of 10am, followed later by the next 'sitting'. Often these folk have attended medical appointments, so it is pleasing to know we can provide a lighter moment in their lives. At the moment we have more females than males but that is not always the case.

We feel fortunate in having our clergy come along for a cuppa and a chat and we are delighted now to have (aptly named) Kofe spending valuable time in our midst. We are also very happy to see Pamela when she is able to come along. Thank you Nick and John for positioning the tables and chairs for us.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who make the enterprise possible – the people who do the baking – the people who warmly welcome our guests and then do the domestic side of Coffee and Chat. My sincere thanks and gratitude to you all.



Helen Easterbrook
Co-ordinator



Create with Fibre

Create with Fibre is now in its fourth year. During the last year we had an interesting mix of people come along and craft with us. Most of the attendees were St Peter's parishioners,

while another belongs to another church in the Riccarton area, and one has no church affiliation.

The group has provided an excuse to gather, share the highs and lows of the previous week and to have afternoon tea together. As well as a lot of laughter and chatter, progress has been made on our individual projects. A few items have been donated to the Missions sales table, the AAW sales table and to several other charities. All the money from the \$1 cover charge has been donated to the St Peter's restoration fund.

For more information, phone Margaret 342 7098 or 027 256 8202.



English Conversation Class

The English Conversation Class continues to provide an important community outreach. We have settled in well in the Bowden Hall and it really feels like home. There is a special feeling being close to the Church.

This year has been an exciting and diverse year. Our numbers have been steady and we have a very loyal group from various countries who have been with us for many years.

Karen Koid, a very experienced ESOL teacher joined us for 15 weeks. She was an amazing young woman who spoke 10 languages and was a wonderful communicator with our students. Karen had an effervescent personality and was very willing to share her skills. We had quite a party with national dancing and music to send her on her way. She is now teaching and doing missionary work in Laos.

Although all students are welcomed and loved we had a rather special family from Mexico who were with us for the year, Antonio, Maria

and their 12 years old son Paulo. They not only joined in with the class but shared their culture with us.

Developing friendships through conversation is our main objective. We would welcome anyone who would like to join the team to help with group discussions. You do not have to be bi-lingual, just have a love of meeting people and helping them with everyday conversation skills.

My thanks to all our team who support this activity and especially Margaret Morton who shares the work planning lessons. Thanks too, to our Vicar Nick for his continued encouragement and support and for leading lessons on religious topics.

Fay Mangos



Exercise Class

The 18th May marked 25 years since our exercise class was started by Arthur Mahan, and to celebrate the occasion we had a luncheon at Oderings "Secret Garden", which several past members were able to attend. From an original seven members, our roll has now grown to 35, with an average attendance of 22.



We welcomed two new members during the year, and some small changes in our routines seem to have kept up members' interests. We are grateful to Anne Strachan

and Glennys Burney for preparing the hall, and looking after finances while Margaret Mahan has been recovering from her fall. Our thanks also to Liz Hamilton for having morning tea ready for us.

Our fees to the end of 2018 have enabled us to make a contribution of \$1873.50 to the Church Restoration Fund.

Joyce Dixon,
Leader



Garage Sale Report for Vestry

Two successful Garage Sales were held during the past year - totaling \$11,360.83. Obviously with items still being advertised on Trade Me this is an ongoing total.

There will be another Garage Sale in October - after the Plant Sale. We also hope to have some items for sale in association with the Book Sale in June.

Unfortunately, some goods are not saleable, and we would prefer not to receive them as we will have to dispose of them. These include old TVs, Video players, Electric blankets (unless brand new), Computers, Printers, Typewriters, Children's Car Seats, wire-wove beds, stained mattresses or broken furniture or damaged goods.

Many thanks to those who helped with the sale in any way this past year. This help is so necessary and is much appreciated. Any queries or collection requests to Jo Winfield on 3228723.

Jo Winfield
Convenor



Grounds & Maintenance

GROUNDSMAN

Grounds are struggling with the lack of rain, but are tidy enough. Jason is performing well.

MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS

- Brian Anthony has completed concreting around the new settling sump outside the vicarage back gate.
- The hedge along Main South Road has been trimmed.
- Two large piles of branch debris from storms over summer have now been chipped using the new chipper purchased following last month's vestry meeting approval.
- John Palmer has been painting the doors on the Bowden Hall.
- Outside toilet has been repaired after not shutting off.

VICARAGE

An arborist has been asked to quote for the removal of branches that are blocking TV reception.

30 MAIN SOUTH ROAD

Now occupied with 4 tenants. Toilet needs fixing – plumber engaged.

31 YALDHURST ROAD

Youth Pathways appear to be moving out, so we will have this space to let.

PETERSGATE (29 YALDHURST ROAD)

Nothing to report.

27 YALDHURST ROAD

Now occupied by Ethan and two others as a Christian flat. Convolvulus is getting away in the garden - might have to get Jason to see to this.

25 YALDHURST ROAD New preschool building has arrived and causing much favourable comment as it takes shape to receive its first pupils.

ST LUKES

An expert has been engaged to provide an opinion as to how to deal with the roof problems.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Maintenance Committee have not met recently.

PARISH COMMUNITY GARDEN

This has been producing a surplus of lovely fresh fruit and veggies for parishioners.

A TEAM

We continue to meet on Friday mornings to carry out the myriad of maintenance tasks that accumulate each week. This is a valuable social get-together for the regular participants as well as providing a great service to the church.

Dennys Guild



Health and safety report

Work is progressing on our Health and Safety Standards. Many thanks to those who have volunteered to assist as wardens in an emergency situation. In the next few weeks we will be having a training session. The work on our drills and processes are almost complete.

I wish to thank the Health and Safety Committee for their time and input. A special thanks to Keith Spragg and Max Anderson for so willingly sharing their expertise and knowledge.

Although it has taken a while to sort out the Health and Safety requirements once they are in practice only slight tweaking will be required in the future. Arm bands and High vis vest have been placed in both halls. First aid kits have been updated. Fire extinguishers are checked by a contractor as per the schedule.

With the new tar sealed parking for the Preschool. The Health & Safety Committee have decided to make the far corner of the car park near Yaldhurst Road the Assembly Point

and appropriate signage will be put in place in the near future.

Please remember Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility. If you see something report it and/or take remedial action.

Ngā mihi nui
Heather



Mainly Music

Mainly Music continues to flourish and has now been successful for 8 years. Many families have been with us for the majority of this time; starting with 1 child and ending with 31. Some mother even looks for a friend's children to bring along when their own children have gone to school.

We have a superb team of parishioners giving their time on a regular basis and others who support us through providing baking for morning tea.

The children enjoy visits and stories from our clergy when they are able to attend on Tuesday mornings.

We welcome all parishioners who would like to volunteer or visit to see the children in action.

Some residents of St Allisa's rest home have been and joined in the singing and morning tea.

I look forward to another year with my wonderful team.

Judith Bylett



Mission

The Mission Committee members are Jean Anthony and Irene and Peter Coman. We appreciate the support of many parishioners with baking, jam, produce, preserves and condiments. We also had support from people outside our parish who like to help with some of the novelties we sell such as the knitted Christmas puddings and Easter novelties. Homemade goods and fresh produce are always popular.

The Mission table was started in the late 1980's and had very small beginnings. The stalls were held in the foyer of the church and raised about \$40 per month. The stall was on a tea trolley and sold sauce, baking, Coconut ice, Gingerbread men and Lemon Honey, jam and some produce. The committee would appreciate new members joining with us to help with the fundraising.



The Mission tables are held on the first Sunday of the month in the parish hall. Last year we had 10 tables. Our 2018 tables supported St Andrew's High School in Tonga, The Lenten Appeal, the work of the Late Edric Baker at the Kailakuri Hospital in Bangladesh, Anne and Anthony McCormick in Cambodia, Dianne Bayley and the Children's Bible Ministry in the Philippines, Nick and Tessa Laing in Uganda, Leprosy Mission, House of Sarah in Fiji, AMB Spring Appeal, Richard Starling and his "Stay Real Programme" for at risk youth. Mission to Seamen and CWS Christmas Appeal- "Be the Lifeline".

Our February table was for St Andrew's High School in Tonga. Simon Tipping from the Hornsby Trust gave an interesting presentation and we were thrilled that we could sponsor 4 students. During the year we received thank you letters and photographs from the students. We are pleased to report

that they all achieved really well in their studies. Anne and Anthony McCormick sent some of the cards made at the Battambang Hospital for trauma patients. This was well supported.

Our sales tables for the year totalled \$4763.50. Parishioners also give generously through the envelope system and other appeals. Please keep saving postage stamps as this raises large amounts of money for Missions. Thank you Winston Groves for collecting and sorting the stamps. Nick Mountfort our vicar also helps our sales by choosing a product each month to promote. Thank you Francie Courtney for all the lovely plants you brought each month - always sold out. Best wishes for your new home in a retirement village.

Thank you all for an amazing 2018. It is your support, prayer, giving and encouragement that enables us to support CMS and AMB. We received many thank you letters which inform us of how much our gifts were appreciated.

Irene and Peter Coman



Plant Sale

Our annual plant sale continues to be a major fundraising event each year thanks to the wonderful support from parishioners who raise a great variety of plants for us. 2018 was no exception with over \$4500 being raised.

The Baton was Passed last year from Jill and Janet who have been so involved over a number of years and we have a younger team - including Fiona and Ann. We are excited to see what we can do - with your help.

There are a number of parishioners who have contributed really well in the past no longer feeling they can manage the nurturing of as

many plants and so we are always on the lookout for anyone who could help in this way. There are pots in the potting shed just waiting for collection! Please ask us.

Potting mix is now available and autumn is the best time to separate small pieces from plants in your garden. We have a reputation for our well-established plants which brings customers back year after year.

Our sale will be in October - exact date to be announced.

Jo Winfield
Convenor



Rest Home and Home Communion Ministry

This year, St Peter's and St Luke's have continued to provide ministry to eight rest homes. We also share Holy Communion in private homes with those parishioners who are unable to come to services.



Clergy or lay ministers, assisted by helpers including pianists, share the Eucharist once a month with residents of the rest homes. Residents look forward to these services, and in some cases they invite members of their families to come along and share Communion with them. As well as celebrating Communion, we spend time talking with the residents in order to get to know them better.

In the first year I have been coordinating the rest home ministry, the number of communicants appears to remain steady, although in a few rest homes the numbers are increasing. The number of residents attending rest home communions also appears to vary

with respect to the involvement of the activities coordinator.

Each week, rest home services are noted in our parish bulletin. The rest homes to be visited during the following week are prayed for, and the sacrament blessed, ready to take to the service. Once again, at Christmas 2018, St Peter's choir sang well-known carols at many rest homes, which was much appreciated by the rest home staff and residents.

A second team, as far as is possible in pairs, take Holy Communion to people in their own homes, once a month or at a time to suit. Both teams find that the Ministry is a privilege. To share the celebration of the Eucharist, and to meet the special pastoral needs of the extended community in residential care and in private homes, is very special.

Many thanks to those who give their time to this important Ministry.

Blessings,
Sue Robb (coordinator)



Restoration Report

I concluded my report to last year's AGM with the hope of "making my final report at the 2019 AGM and signing off." Unfortunately, that is not as yet the case and we still have a shortfall in reaching our goal of approximately \$2.5 million. This is something in the vicinity of \$400,000 but we remain very confident of reaching this sum before St. Peter's opens its doors once again. Significantly a Special Meeting of Parishioners agreed at the end of last year that Church Property Trustees could hold \$500,000 of the parish glebe funds for the task of restoration. As this would not be allocated to the contractor until near the end of the rebuild we are hopeful that it will not

need to be drawn down because our fundraising will have achieved its target. We are confident that the encouraging sight of the work commencing will bring other donors on board.

A year ago we still retained the services of Barrer and Co providing their professional expertise in fundraising however with the end in sight we did not renew their contract beyond September. We nevertheless owe them a great deal of gratitude for all that they achieved on our behalf and with the close relationship that we had created with them we were sorry to terminate that arrangement. They still retain a very real interest in how we are progressing such was their commitment to our project.



Applications have continued to trusts and charities with varying levels of success. The same could be said of our approaches to St. Peter's churches nationally and internationally. We are now inviting parishioners to identify other churches that we might approach and that they have some point of contact with. Major gifts from generous individuals have been forthcoming while our Living Stones and Blocks scheme still receives gifts of \$1000 or \$500 regularly. The Living Bequest programme has allowed others to participate either in weekly payments or with a one-off donation of \$6,500.

Other events through the year have included an evening with Archbishop David Moxon, quiz nights, a Christmas raffle, and proceeds from the annual book sale. The latter three

will be repeated over the course of this year along with a High Tea including entertainment and with a major ball being planned for 2020. Still in mind is an organ recital in the Transitional Cathedral and a variety concert with some noted performers.

The staff at Church Property Trustees: Suzanne, Jackie, Morag, and now Kerry, have been of very great assistance particularly taking over some of the processes previously seen to by Barrers.

Once again I must acknowledge those who have been at the heart of the operation through our committee - Vicar Nick, Treasurer Bruce, Corin Murfitt, Paul Rhodes, Bob Shearing, Fiona Gilmore and Jo Winfield.

As has been said elsewhere - "We can do this."

David Winfield



St Peter's Walking Group

The walking group completed another successful year of fun and fellowship, and have now been walking twice weekly for 28 years. We are all aging now and sometimes cut the odd corner on our walks, but still mostly manage an hour of companionship each time.

Any member of the church is welcome - and whilst exercise is our main aim, the fellowship of being together in our beautiful city is also extremely important.



Gayle Groves, Convener



Worship in 2018

We continue to worship in the parish hall and, although there have been delays in getting started, the church rebuild will begin in earnest in 2019.

Services continue at 8am and 9.30am on Sundays and at 10am on Wednesdays. Family services were held at 11am on the fourth Sunday of each month and have been very successful. Occasional healing services were held. We continue to use all the Communion liturgies in *A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa*. In 2018 John McLister prepared services for each season of the Church's year – Epiphany, Lent, the Easter season and Ordinary Time. The services now include a psalm, said at 8am and sung at 9.30am. A sung gospel acclamation has also been introduced to services as well as a Song of Praise and some responses from the English Folk Song Mass. A new hymn from the hymns sung at Family Services is introduced each month. I still prepare the service sheets for clergy, the information sheet for the choir and the two services for the data projector each week.

The young people in our congregation help at 9.30 services as servers, data projector and sound system operators. They all take a major part in the monthly Family Services. Our teenagers continued looking after the younger children and their efficiency and dedication is a joy to see. Their interviews, filmed and put together by Ethan, about what Christmas means for them were refreshing.

The institution of a 'youth' orchestra has provided opportunities for young people to take part in 9.30am services in a fresh way as well as playing at family services. Older people have been added to their numbers and it is good to see different age groups working together. This orchestra will become the Family Orchestra in 2019

The now traditional services were held in 2018 for the Nurse Maude Association and the Canterbury Jockey Club. Ash Wednesday was celebrated at the 10am service and, with Upper Riccarton Methodists, we joined worshippers at an evening service at Our Lady of Victories. We welcomed Bishop David to our patronal festival for a service of confirmation and renewal. We welcomed the Methodists to either St Peter's or St Luke's in September for the annual Spring Service. Christmas and Easter were celebrated with special services and there were special services for Candlemas and All Saints Sunday.

Thanks are due to the many people who contribute to worship at St Peter's, the worship leaders, readers, intercessors, musicians, choir, servers, sacristans, flower arrangers, data projector and sound system operators and, of course, the faithful worshippers who come along on Sundays and Wednesdays.



Thanks to Ethan who helps with Sunday worship in a multitude of ways and who now looks at me on a Sunday morning saying 'What do you want me to do?' Thanks to Jo Winfield who prepares the worship rosters and to Pamela who liaised with all on the rosters. Please continue to tell the office when you swap rostered jobs with other people so that clergy can be told who will be turning up for the various Sunday jobs. Graeme Cox and his camera are present on many Sundays and many of the resultant photographs appear on Facebook. I would like to acknowledge Pamela who has done a huge amount over the years to make my life easier and I am going to miss her very much.

As always I am grateful for the enthusiasm and support of Haydn Hill. Thanks to his hard work we have an exceptional parish choir

which sings a very wide range of music. I am grateful too to both Nick and John for the support and encouragement they have given me. I look forward to another constructive year.

Kathy Doughty (342 4310)



Youth & Family Orchestra

All Youth

It was great seeing our young people get more involved in the life of the parish and grow in confidence in 2018. Through the year our youth had many opportunities to participate in church activities through Youth Group, Family Orchestra, Good News Club, Family service and through many necessary roles in the main service such as serving, sound, reading, communion and data projector. Many even offered their Saturdays to help out at the Garage sale. A highlight in 2018 was the creation of our Christmas Video where Youth and Leaders from all of the groups listed came together to share their thoughts on the Christmas Season.

In 2019 we look to explore ways we can get our young people more involved in what we are doing. Already we are seeing some of the older youth step into leadership roles, specifically with Good News Club. It is pleasing to see youth as old as 18 help those as young as 2 to develop their faith.

Youth Group

2018 was a year of direction for the Youth Group as we developed goals and ideas for what we wanted to achieve through the year. One goal was working towards creating a space that our young people could claim as their own. For this we revamped the upstairs room with new furniture, new sports equipment and new games. It was also a goal of ours to have a missional task to work

towards. Through the teen's hard work we teamed up with Good News Club to create various posters which were put on display in the Christchurch hospital's chapel for those who had to spend their Christmas there. In 2019 we are starting to see more growth in terms of numbers and look to capitalise on this by organising more trips outside of the church to encourage youth to bring their friends. With our talks and discussions this year we look to have more of a focus on biblical stories and how they relate to the everyday life of a teen.

Family Orchestra

Our Family Orchestra has worked very hard in 2018 continuing to provide music for the Family Service every month. They performed in church at the main 9:30 service and teamed up with a Celtic Band to provide the music for the Lyttelton carol service.



The group is forever growing and changing especially with the introduction to new members with new instruments in 2019. The group will continue to provide music for the monthly Family Service and also look to show more of an appearance in the main 9:30 service. We also have a project in the works where we look to work with other musicians in the Christchurch Diocese.

I'm excited to see what our young people can accomplish in 2019 and have been happy with the growth numerically in the various groups we have, as well as the growth and development of each young person.

Ethan Wilson-Bruce



Serve the Lord
with
Gladness
-Psalm 100